



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/748,886 Confirmation No. 1408  
Applicant : N. KASAKO et al  
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Title : REMOTE STORAGE DISK CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD  
FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME  
TC/AU : 2187  
Examiner : Peugh, B.  
Docket No. : H-1215  
Customer No.: 24956

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and appropriate fee accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 38 of this paper.